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Knock! Knock!

Knock! Knock!
Who's there?
Anyone!

Okay, that wasn't really a joke; it's more like a sign of the times. Hearing a knock on my door is a sound that means my solitary life during lockdown is over. Not being around people (and giving them hugs!) is not easy, but I also respect that the lives of others are important. Sometimes, it seems our choices are limited but there are always 'doors' that can open up to reveal new possibilities.

Art, for instance.

The lovely people on the cover, Joe, Erin, Aidan and Cade Battaglia, live in the Enclosure in the very house where Albert Sterner, the painter, created his art. Be sure to check out the photo of Erin holding one of his illustrations! I have always imagined an 'art vibe' in the Enclosure, but after the lockdown, I see that creativity can be cultivated all over town.

Nutley's own artist, Denise Debiase-Costantino, put together a DIY project that captures the feeling of this time and memorializes it with some paint, stencils, and a staircase. This is a wonderful family project; children will enjoy being part of it. I hope many of you will try this in your own homes, and please share the pictures with us! I would love to put them in an upcoming issue.

Since I believe that creativity can be *cultivated*, check out the article and photos by David Wilson who gives us a few tips about organic gardening. Yes, gardening is an art. As a painter selects the canvas, chooses the colors, and the placement of images, David does that, in a very similar way, in his yard. And there is a big plus for the Wilson Landscape—it's delicious!

I'm sure you are all familiar with the quote that tells us if one door closes, another one opens. During lockdown, although our front doors needed to close, the opportunity to create is always open. There are many examples in town of people using art to express their feelings, give support, or to just make life a little more beautiful.

Even though we may not be able to interact in one way, art transcends time, physical barriers, and even fear to bring a sense of community and hope.

See you next month! Feel free to knock on my door and even bring a balloon to help celebrate our 5th year of *Nutley Neighbors* magazine!

Joyce Corey Content Coordinator



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Coming Full Circle in the Enclosure

By Joyce Corey

Photographs by Kerry McGrath

"Life imitates art far more than art imitates life." —Oscar Wilde

After Albert Sterner built his art studio at 40 Enclosure in Nutley in 1872, I imagine him looking out the windows as he contemplated his next project or thought of ways to bring a scene to life on his canvas.

Today, the Battaglia family, Joe, Erin, Aidan, and Cade, look through the same windows and enjoy the life they have created together in an historic house.

Art affects the way we look at life, (Oscar Wilde was right about that!) but life also gives us a real-time canvas in which we can mix moments in time with emotions. The Battaglia family is doing just that, right in the former



Erin holding an original Albert Sterner portrait that was given to them by Joe's parents

artist colony in the Enclosure.

Their story also has the natural flair of a painter's brush as it forms a circle from Yantacaw School to the Enclosure and back to the school.

Joe Battaglia grew up in Nutley, (his first home was on Walnut Street), then his family moved to 48 Enclosure Street when he was in the 4th grade. "My mom wanted a Victorian house and fell in love with it. We moved here in 1983," Joe said.

"This was a great place to grow up. We all played outside and I made many friends, one of whom is still part of my life after all these years," he added.

Joe attended Yantacaw Elementary School where the list of his friends grew to include Erin, who was also a student.

"Even though we have known each other since elementary school, we only started

dating a few years after college," Erin said.

College for the couple included the University of Maryland for Joe. Since 2001, he has been working at UBS Financial Services in New York.

Erin went to Caldwell University where she received her bachelor's degree in business and accounting before working in accounting for five years. A career shift involved her getting a master's degree in teaching from Jersey City University, then a certification in library media from Montclair State University. She currently works as a library media specialist at the Radcliffe and Spring Garden schools.

Although college and careers took them in different directions, a popular place brought them together again. "Our relationship officially started after we met up again at the Franklin Steakhouse in Nutley," Erin said.

After getting married and moving to Connecticut, it might have seemed their future was elsewhere until Joe's parents told them about a house for sale in the Enclosure.

"When the house next door to my in-laws went up for sale,



Aidan and Cade with one of the family parakeets

we decided to buy it," Erin said. "And since my parents also live in Nutley, that was another important reason to move back here."

"We have lived here in the Enclosure since 2008," Joe said. "And when we bought the house, Erin hadn't even seen the inside!"

For the past 12 years, this historic house has been a home for the Battaglia family. In fact, they have settled into this space with a genuine appreciation of the past.

"The house has a unique style with the artist studio in the back, a large fireplace, and high-beamed ceilings," Joe said. "We opened up the floor plan to make the best use of the space for our family but kept the integrity of the house itself."

And what does a modern family do in an historic house? The short answer is they enjoy their home and their time together.

"Sports are big for us," Erin said. "We follow the Yankees for baseball, Giants for football and, of course, University of Maryland for football and basketball."

Joe is a lacrosse coach although he admits, "I never played the sport myself. I just wanted to be there for my

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1. The parks, especially the Mudhole
2. Ralph's Pizza
3. The teachers and the school system
4. Shops and stores
5. A real community feel in the town

sons." Aidan and Cade are also involved with the scouting program in town.

Their family includes three parakeets named Chippy, Ralphie, and Baby Bird. "Since Joe and Cade are allergic to cats and dogs, the birds fill up our home with fun," Erin said. "And Aidan has the dog, Willow, next door to pet as often as he wants!"

They both have high praise for their neighborhood. "This is a wonderful place to live," Joe said. "We all look out for each other and treat each other like family. There are many, many kids on the block so on a nice day everyone is riding bikes, scooters, or little motorized cars up and down the street."

"We have neighborhood get-togethers," Erin said. "For many years we had a St. Patrick's Day party with our neighbors, but the weather was too cold. So, now we host an Oktoberfest. We also have an Enclosure Christmas Party at either our house or our neighbor's house. That event originated with my mother-in-law and the Eisenfelders many years ago. Every Christmas we all put out luminaires on our driveway and front curb. It looks really pretty."

Family vacations include skiing at Gore Mountain in New York or going down the shore to visit Joe's family who has since moved from the Enclosure.

In a very interesting, and life-imitates-art kind of moment, we find the story back at Yantacaw School. "Aidan, who is 12, and Cade, who is 9, both attend the same school that Joe and I went to," Erin said.

"It's very cool that our sons are in the same classrooms

that Erin and I were once in," Joe said.

That just shows how creative real life is. I'm sure Albert Sterner is somehow enjoying the legacy of life and art he left behind in the Enclosure. ■

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Submitted by Christa Milici

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Stepping Out

By Denise Debiasi-Costantino
and Joyce Corey

Our nationwide lockdown was a labor of love; we didn't want to get anyone sick and we wanted to stay well for the sake of our families. Many things in life have that dual, yin and yang approach, as two complementary forces make up a whole.

Like stairs.

Stairs can lead us inside a place or we can leave by them.

Nutley artist, Denise Debiasi-Costantino combined her creativity, her art supplies, and a thought from Oscar Wilde to make stairs a masterpiece of memories. Let's capture this unprecedented time in history! She invites you to take your own stairs and make this fun (and easy!) project that is suitable for both adults and children.

Denise contributed her own basement stairs to paint the words of Oscar Wilde as a reminder of 'stepping out' into a world that may be forever changed.

"When it rains look for rainbows, when it's dark look for stars."

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

■ **White paint primer** Craft acrylic multi-surface paint (2 fl.oz.) if you choose a different color for each step or 1 qt. single color paint in eggshell finish for the same color on every step (You may even have leftover paint from a previous home project!)

■ **Stencils** (You can put any image or words on your steps. I want to say thank you to Pretty Handy in Nutley for creating the stencil I used.)

■ **Craft brushes**, 2-inch craft stencil brush, ½ inch or



craft sponge brush

■ 2-inch **mini paint roller** and **mini roller tray**

■ Clear coat **satin varnish** acrylic sealer

■ **Pencil**

■ **Small level**

■ Blue **painter's tape** 1 inch or 2 inch

■ **Water bucket** to clean brushes

■ **Cotton rags**

■ **Recycled cardboard**, scissors, and a **ruler**

■ **Recycled plastic tray**, **container**, or **cup** to hold or mix paint

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Select a set of any non-carpeted stairs in your home. You will be painting the riser, the back flat part of the steps. You may also paint the treads, the flat part you step on.

2. Vacuum surface, clean with mild soap and water.

3. Prep using 1-inch blue tape, to protect sides against a wall and top edge of each tread next to the riser.

4. If you will not be painting the wooden stair treads, please be sure to protect them by taping down cut-to-size recycled cardboard or recycled paper.

5. Using a brush or mini roller, paint white primer on all the backs of the risers. Let dry overnight.

6. Optional: you can also use the primer to prep the treads if you plan on painting them. Let dry overnight. Apply a second and final coat on the treads after the riser project is complete. Let dry, then apply a clear topcoat to protect.

7. Grab your paint colors and lay them out for each step. Pour a small amount into a recycled container cup. You can even mix two colors together make a new color. Using a 2-inch brush, apply colors, and rinse the brush after each color before starting the next riser step. If using one color, you can apply it with the mini roller and use a brush to cut into the edges. Wait at least 4 hours for it to dry or overnight.

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8. Cut the stencils if needed. If you are using designs or shapes, play around with the placement of them using blue tape before applying.

Tip: For lettering, a ruler will help measure the placement of the stencil and a small level will help straighten the words. Make a mark on the riser where you want to place the stencil. Then tape down the stencil to hold it in place.

9. Use tape to hold all stencils in position. Use only a small amount of paint, and lightly tap onto the stencil to transfer the paint onto the step riser. Make sure there is enough contrast between your stencil and the riser. (If your stairs are a dark color, use a light color paint on the stencil, or dark paint on a light colored riser.) Apply two coats before removing stencil.

10. Remove tape and clean up any paint spills or touch up as needed.

11. Apply 2 coats of clear varnish to protect your stair treads or risers after painting is complete. This will help the paint to hold up and makes it easier to wipe clean. ■

If you try this DIY project send us the photos so we can include them in a future issue!

The illustrated portfolio of Denise Debiase-Costantino features storytelling from sketchbooks to walls to books. Her artwork is featured on many different canvases like children's books, fine art, illustrations, and murals. Follow her on Instagram @ ddarchdesignartist, email her ddarchdesign@gmail.com, or visit her website ddarchitecturaldesign.com.

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Nutley Public Library's 2020 Summer Reading Program Invites You to Imagine Your Story!

By Deidra Garcia, Head of Youth Services

The Nutley Public Library encourages children and teens to "imagine their stories" this summer when the 2020 Summer Reading Program begins in June. The 2020 Summer Reading Program is a nationally recognized program in which libraries across the country collaborate on a theme to combat "summer slide" and make summer reading challenging and fun. This year's theme, Imagine Your Story, will focus on the magic of fairy tales, folktales, and mythology from all corners of the world.

Nutley Public Library's Summer Reading Program gives students an opportunity to stay connected to reading over the summer in a way that is fun and rewarding. Babies, children, and teens can earn small prizes as they reach their activity or reading milestones. In addition to the small prizes, for every few activities completed or books read, a raffle ticket will be earned. Each raffle ticket can then be entered into a drawing to win big prizes, which will be announced at the end of the summer. The more activities completed or books read, the more raffle tickets earned, and the greater the chances of winning a big prize. Some of this year's big prizes include a Nintendo Switch Lite, tech items like a 3D pen and Fujifilm photo printer, gift cards, book bundles, and a family membership to Turtle Back Zoo.

Although the COVID-19 health crisis means the program will have a slightly different structure this year, registration and logging reading milestones will continue to be accomplished online as they have in past summers. The Youth Services department is planning a wide array of virtual events that can be accessed remotely, including story times, live performances, DIY craft and maker workshops, online contests, and more. To facilitate reading during the summer, Nutley Public Library also offers free access to digital eBook



and audiobook platforms, Hoopla and Libby. Children and teens will be able to access thousands of books from popular authors on their tablets and computers from the safety of their homes.

Beginning June 1, youth of all ages can register online at nutleypubliclibrary.beanstack.org. The Summer Reading Program will officially kick-off on Thursday, June 25, at 2pm, with a special virtual event, and will end on August 13 with the live announcement of the big prize winners.

Programs and prizes offered throughout the summer are free and made possible due to generous donations from the Friends of the Nutley Public Library. In addition, the Youth Services department could not have such well-received summer programs without the support of Nutley library staff and board members, district school educators, high school volunteers, and community members. We thank everyone for their support and are looking forward to a summer reading program that will bring the worlds of imagination into reality! ■

For additional information, please visit the Youth Services website at www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org or contact Deidra Garcia at deidra.garcia@nutley.bccls.org.



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In this month's article, I am going to spotlight the eBook and digital magazines made available for Nutley Public Library cardholders. These resources are easy to use and readily available on our website at www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org. The platforms to access them are Libby/OverDrive and Hoopla for eBooks and RBdigital for magazines.

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Libby/OverDrive has over 30,000 popular items for all ages with a broad selection of fiction and nonfiction titles.

In addition to Libby/OverDrive, you also have access to the digital lending service, Hoopla. Hoopla has a vast collection of over 700,000 items for all ages! This also includes television shows, movies, music, and comics. What is neat about Hoopla is what you see is what you get, as the titles are always available and you never have to wait for a title on a hold list. Also, you have many different ways to

access content. Hoopla is available on Apple, Android, and Kindle, as well as Apple TV, Fire TV, and Chromecast. You can even ask Amazon's Alexa to play titles!

Looking to borrow some magazines? RBdigital is a digital magazine stand with access to over 250 popular magazines. You can check out as many magazines as you would like and you don't have to return them, since once you download an issue, it is yours to keep! Whether you're looking for a good music album based on a review from *Rolling Stone*, want to learn a new recipe from *The Food Network Magazine*, looking for inspiration to tackle a basement renovation from *HGTV Magazine*, or you are keeping up with the latest style trends in *GQ* or *Cosmopolitan*, this eclectic assortment of digital magazines is a great place to check out. RBdigital also has popular youth titles such as *Highlights* and *National Geographic Kids* and teen titles such as *Seventeen*. There is also an impressive archive too, so if you missed an article you wanted to read a few months ago, RBdigital keeps a back catalog of issues, always available to access. ■

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Organic and Healthy Gardening

By David A. Wilson aka Inspector Dave

Crisp, juicy cucumbers. Succulent, sweet peppers. String beans that really snap. Sugar snap peas. Fresh herbs. Lettuce and arugula salad. Tomato, basil, and mozzarella sandwich. Eggplant parmesan. Zucchini pie. Sweet corn. Is your mouth watering yet? Do you want to taste really fresh and nutritious vegetables? How about chemical and pesticide-free, right outside your door?

Growing crops has been a way of survival from our ancestors, centuries back, to Native Americans, to farms big and small, to victory gardens during wars and pandemics, and now home gardens. "We seek organic choices for our food supply as we realize chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and genetically modified foods may adversely affect our health", says environmental scientist



Garden bounty ready to share with friends and family (above) Crisp, fresh, delicious Diva cucumbers



Joey Bee. With a well-drained yard area of eight by ten feet, six to eight hours of sun, water, good soil, a seed catalog, and a little work, you can grow your own healthy and delicious produce. Specific varieties of plants will grow in containers placed in any sunny area.

Start small and grow your garden plot as you learn about plants. Read gardening books and seed catalogs for advice and easy-to-grow crops. I have been studying

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everything from Amish gardening tips to zucchini recipes for 35 years. My wife, Dianne, started it all by requesting a tasty tomato. Unable to contain my enthusiasm, I immersed myself into all things healthy and organic as I expanded my garden and knowledge.

Nutley has clay type soils, so amendments including compost, green sand, leaves, manure, kelp, peat moss, and eggshells, along with commercially prepared organic soil improvement products, must be added to enrich soil structure and provide plant nutrients. Water can come from the hose or a rain barrel. Labor can be your own or a fun family endeavor. Exercise, fresh air, relaxation, economy, and being with nature are additional benefits.

Think about making your entire property organic, including the lawn. Your garden will be right next to the lawn so you don't want to contaminate your food supply with chemicals that kill bugs, both good and bad, including honey bees. Your children and pets will be in the yard, so why expose them to these poisons? Look for Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) listed products as a guide to safe lawn and garden products. Organic lawn care is cheaper, requires less water, and it's only two steps to a



green, healthy, safe turf.

Seed selection can be through catalogs, websites, and local nurseries. Look for non-GMO, organic and untreated varieties the seed producers have selected as reliable and productive. Organically grown plants can be obtained at local nurseries or by mail. Buy small quantities of each, especially the first year. Great websites include: Gardensalive.com, Superseeds.com, ChilePlants.com

There is a lot to learn about gardening. JoeyBee.TV

and JoeyBeeOutdoors.com are two websites featuring educational videos and podcasts that can help you. My garden is featured in the "Organic Gardening with Inspector Dave" sections. April through October are good times to garden, so roll up your sleeves, put on sunblock, a hat and start planting! ■

David Wilson is the author of Fire in Our Lives, a book containing stories, experiences, and advice from his forty-year career in public safety. Available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Google Play.



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The Sights, Sounds and Aromas of Nutley Have Not Changed Much in 50 Years

By Barry Lenson

Not long ago, someone asked me to describe my clearest memory of what it was like to grow up in Nutley back in the 1950s.

Without thinking, I replied, "It was a Saturday morning in fall. The families on our street were in front of their houses, raking leaves. In the distance, I could hear the marching band practicing in the Oval. The smell of those leaves and the sound of the drums and brass instruments far away are my earliest memories of Nutley."

It's amazing that half a century later, those same sounds and smells are still part of living here. But they aren't the only Nutley sensations that have remained the same. Many connect me to the past. Maybe they do that for you too?

■ The Smell and Taste of Coffee

When my mom and I would go to ShopRite when I was growing up, I would always ask to visit the grinder that was located in the coffee aisle, I loved the smell so much. You can still enjoy that beautiful aroma in ShopRite, which even has an espresso machine today. Or you can revel in a cup



An old photo of the falls in front of Kingsland Manor. The scene still looks the same today.



Franklin Avenue about 40 years ago

of espresso in Via Veneto on Chestnut Street or an Americano at Starbucks on Franklin Avenue. Coffee was grinding in Nutley 50 years ago, and it still is today.

■ The Smell of Exhaust

I realize it isn't healthy to breathe exhaust fumes. But I happened to be walking by fire headquarters a month ago when Nutley firefighters were backing out a fire engine and the smell of exhaust took me right back to a day in 1967 when I spent a day as Chief of Police on Youth in Government Day. The same smell, more than five decades later, tells me that the Nutley Fire Department is still protecting the people of Nutley, just as it did when I was a kid. A bad smell can mean good things.

■ The Smell of Shoe Polish

I will never forget a day when my dad and I went into a shoe repair shop that was on Chestnut Avenue – one

of those places with a big, 30-foot-long spindle machine equipped with spinning polishing wheels. What a smell! I still love that aroma today. And it is still part of Nutley. You can experience it today if you walk into Vaccaro Shoe Repair at 396 Centre Street.

■ The Sounds of Kids Laughing and Playing

This is the best sound on earth, and the best in our town. You can hear kids laughing and playing in our parks, school yards – just about everywhere. Nutley was a great town to grow up in. That hasn't changed over the last 50 years, and I don't think it ever will.



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■ I Fill My Lungs and Experience the Past

I serve on the Board at the Nutley Museum. One night after a meeting last year, I walked out onto the museum's front porch. While I was locking the door, the unique air and aroma of Nutley, my hometown, hit me. On that night, it was a combination of tree leaves, grass cuttings, a backyard barbecue, maybe just a hint of coffee. I heard laughter coming from a house somewhere. It was a breeze from my childhood, the aroma of the past.

This is our place, and this place is ours. ■



The groundbreaking in 1926 for Nutley High School.

Schedule a tour or event at the Nutley Museum. For school groups and private museum tours, please call Kerry Flynn, caretaker, at 973-667-1528, or Suzanne Hagert at 973-667-4270. The Nutley Historical Society is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serve the educational, cultural, and historical needs of our community.



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EVENTS CALENDAR **JUNE** 2020

At the time this magazine went to print, all event times and locations were accurate, but please check event websites for the most current information. Some events may have been postponed or canceled.

June 1, Mon., June 25, Thurs.

2020 Summer Reading Program

This year's theme, "Imagine Your Story," focuses on fairy tales and folktales from around the world. Registration and logging reading milestones will continue to be accomplished online but this year, they will be joined by a wide array of virtual events planned by the Youth Services department, including story times, live performances, DIY craft and maker workshops, online contests, and more! Don't forget about using eBook and audiobook resources like Hoopla and Libby to help meet your reading goals. Every few activities or books read earn a small prize and a raffle ticket to enter the big prize drawing at the end of summer.

Time: Registration begins June 1 at nutleypubliclibrary.beanstack.org. The program starts June 25 at 2pm with a special virtual event. For more information visit the Youth Services website at www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org or email Deidra Garcia at deidra.garcia@nutley.bccls.org

June 1, Mon.

Online All Recovery Meeting

All Recovery Meetings are for everyone who supports recovery. They honor all pathways to recovery, acknowledging that each person's path is unique and reflects their personal strengths. The meetings are non-denominational and offer an opportunity to focus on the hope found in recovery.

Recovery does not happen alone. Join and connect with others who are initiating and maintaining a recovery lifestyle. All Recovery Meetings are facilitated by trained and certified IFPR Peer Recovery Specialists and provide social support for those seeking or maintaining recovery, as well as family members, friends, and supporters of those who have been influenced by substance abuse.

Time: 12-1pm, 7-8pm

For more information, direct Zoom links, and more dates and times, visit www.rwjbh.org/events and check the June calendar

June 1, Mon.

Virtual Hooked on Books Reading Club

For grades 4-6. Chat about a book and work on an activity!

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

For more information or to register visit www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org

June 2, Tue.

Bio Dome Garden Club

@Essex County Environmental Center; 621-B Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland

For children ages 5 and up. Participants will get a hands-on experience and learn about growing plants, seeds, fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Make and take projects at each session. Advance registration, payment, and minimum number of participants are required.

Time: 4-5pm

Cost: \$10 per child per session
For more information or to register call 973-228-8776

June 2, 16, Tue.

Board of Commissioners Meeting

Please note that the public meetings have been changed to teleconference meetings until further notice. The public will

be able to listen to the Board of Commissioners meeting and participate during the designated Public Comment portions of the meeting by using the Dial in Number 712-770-3637 with Access Code 881229.

Time: 7pm

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June 6, Thurs.

Virtual Techsplorers Club

For grades 3-6. Explore technology with projects led by Mr. LI

Time: 10:30-11:30am

For more information or to register visit www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org

monthly club goes virtual!

Work on a basic building challenge and share your creation with the world!

Time: 4-5pm

For more information or to register visit www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org

June 8, Mon.

Virtual Lego Club

Recommended for grades K-5. The

June 11, Thurs.

Forest Friends Club

@Essex County Environmental

Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland

For children ages 5 and up. Explore the forest using nets, binoculars, magnifiers, and microscopes to investigate nature in our wooded wetland habitat. Together, let's foster an ethic of stewardship and offer an opportunity to take part in hands-on conservation projects. Advance registration, payment, and minimum number of participants are required.

Time: 4-5pm

Cost: \$10 per child per session

For more information or to register call 973-228-8776

young adult between the ages of 21 and 40.

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: \$45 per ticket with cash bar
For tickets, call Dr. Steven Clarke at 973-235-1515. For ad book, call David and Dianne Wilson at 973-667-4690

June 29, Mon. – July 2, Thurs.

Wilderness Skills Summer Camp

@Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland

For grades 5-8. Join Senior Staff Naturalist David Alexander for some exciting lessons in outdoor skills building. Participants will identify plants, learn to track animals, create fire, go canoeing, make natural rope, build shelters, and more.

Time: 9:30am-2:30pm

Cost: \$250 per child

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